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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady in the Midwest, about steady in the West, steady elsewhere. Retail and food service demand ranged light to moderate at best with the West being affected by ongoing strike problems. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy current trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were at least adequate to readily available and at times discounted to help clear. Dark meat items were adequate to available, and wings were close to tight and moving at premium levels. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range, but mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 10/13/03-10/17/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)			COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers					
Bos/New Eng	61.00-63.00	62.00	15	62.47	60
Chicago	53.00-56.00	56.58	38	58.63	68
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	58.71	28
Denver	73.50	73.50	16	72.67	18
Detroit	55.00	57.00	12	59.85	44
Los Angeles	74.00	70.84	74	68.58	158
New York	58.00-60.00	59.87	23	59.48	51
Philadelphia	58.00-61.00	59.32	11	57.77	22
Pittsburgh	58.00-60.00	59.83	12	61.83	53
St. Louis	56.00-56.25	56.03	24	56.12	45
San Francisco	74.50	72.79	31	73.48	70

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	10/13/03	Change/Last Wk	10/06/03	10/14/02
617	63.07	-0.56	63.63	52.70

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	60.00-62.00	61.02	28
Central	56.00-64.00	60.47	66
West	55.00-65.00	61.04	34

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	65.00-69.00	67.84	79
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 68.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,168	53.00-71.00	67.27

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	202.00	1,476
BREASTS - B/S	183.00	5,325
BREASTS - WHOLE	91.00	1,953
THIGH MEAT - B/S	95.50	993
LEG QUARTERS	32.00	9,246
WINGS	89.50	3,060

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate. Offerings of all sizes were generally sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to fully adequate, wings were in tight balance; other items were generally adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady at best following the weekend. Demand into all channels was mostly light to fair, moderate for retail ads and fast food promotions. Supplies were fully sufficient for current trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were at least adequate with limited interest. Dark meat was available and moving well, and wings were close to tight with strongest movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was generally steady with trading reported for this week deliveries at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings were ample for immediate needs. Buying activity was moderate. Retailer demand was fair where labor disputes existed in the Southern California area, elsewhere fairly good. Dealers reported moderate to heavier than anticipated carryovers. Trading reported on parts for this weeks' delivery: leg quarters bulk 30-32.5 and 4/10s mainly 36, breast bone-in 86-92 and boneless 155-158, wings 85-91, boneless leg meat and boneless thigh meat mainly 78. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 56.18 down .01 from last weeks' reported level with the volume reported at 25 loads down 4 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority delivered prices this week were mostly unchanged from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer market tone was steady to barely steady. Offerings were adequate for the light trade interest. Demand into all sectors was generally fair overall. Floor stocks were adequate to long. Weights desirable. Trading on parts was light to fair at best with buyers price sensitive and cautious. Wings were in best position, breast items adequate and discounted with dark meat available. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings; leg quarters steady, and barely steady to weak on breast items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally fair to instances good. Seller offerings were in good balance and well cleared. Livesupplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 60 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was at least steady. Wings were in close balance to short. Breast items were available. Leg items were generally sufficient.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
	10/14/03	10/13/03
RANGE	57-70	58-79
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	63.19	63.47
NO. OF BOXES	7,748	10,344

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair to moderate. Offerings of breast items were available, but noted as less burdensome than previous week's trading. Legs and leg quarters were sufficient. Wings were clearing well and commanding premiums. Retail movement was fairly good with promotional activity on boneless-skinless breasts providing a welcome outlet for fully adequate supplies. Distributive draw was fair. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on wings, and about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

OCTOBER 13	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING	AVG	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	160	163.91	279,400
TENDERLOINS	150	143.13	104,280
BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	81.91	185,920
BREAST - LINE RUN	77	79.47	89,200
LEGS	38-39	38.69	281,680
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	28.34	427,515
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	41.20	128,200
THIGHS	28-29	36.97	67,840
B/S THIGHS	84-85	87.28	34,480
WINGS (WHOLE)	78-79	87.57	117,360
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.06	30,320
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	37.65	10,200
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	63.44	25,640

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY WT.	AVG
BREAST - B/S	2,148	135.00-174.00	140-150	151.99
TENDERLOINS	831	140.00-199.00	-	172.48
BREAST - WITH RIBS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
FRONT HALVES		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	773	25.50-29.00	26	26.13
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	345	28.00-29.00	29	28.65
WINGS (WHOLE)	458	74.00-82.00	82	80.99
DRUMSTICKS	217	28.00-54.00	28-30	31.01
THIGHS	1,463	21.00-32.00	27-28	26.90

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	10/13	10/09	10/09	10/06	10/02
ALA	4,072	3,966	5.25	4,026	5.16
ARK	5,365	5,322	5.04	5,343	5.02
DELMARVA	2,307	2,285	5.52	2,297	5.35
LA-TENN	1,998	1,997	4.87	1,988	4.88
MISS	3,075	3,094	5.37	2,998	5.25
NC	2,285	2,166	6.03	2,254	5.98
TEXAS	2,508	2,539	4.95	2,490	4.98
TOTAL	21,610	21,369	5.25	21,396	5.20
MON	21,610(A)			21,396 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 13-Oct 2003 is estimated to be 32,331,000 up 0.70 percent from a week ago and up 4.1 a year ago.

(Last week 32,107,000, last year 31,067,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	898	137.00-225.00	139-142	141.90
TENDERLOINS	195	150.00-217.00	150-155	161.34
BREAST - LINE RUN	105	82.00-96.00	84-85	84.44
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	128	32.00-52.00	33-35	35.32
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	604	26.00-30.00	26-27	26.61
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,065	27.00-33.00	29-31	29.59
WINGS (WHOLE)	121	80.00-86.00	-	82.77
WINGS (CUT)	725	88.00-105.00	-	96.22
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	80	85.00-98.00	-	90.44

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR OCTOBER 13, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

	TODAY'S RANGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
	48.00-52.50	49.47

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 13-OCT-2003 TO 17-OCT-2003 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	149.00 - 172.00	150.00 - 160.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	70.00 - 99.00	80.00 - 87.00
LEGS	38.00 - 45.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27.00 - 32.00	28.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	30.00 - 45.00	-
THIGHS	29.00 - 39.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	74.00 - 95.00	74.00 - 78.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 39.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	39.00 - 45.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	86
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	89-93

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	600-625

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	92-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	60-63
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	100
	DRY PACK	101-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	105
	DRY PACK	89-105
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91
	DRY PACK	89
DUCKS		152-175

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

10-OCT-2003

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.00-22.00	17.50	1,192,000	772,000
WTD AVERAGE	19.55	17.50		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00-30.00	11.50-15.00	2,080,000	1,376,000
WTD AVERAGE	24.82	12.01		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.50	40,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.50		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the adequate to at least adequate offerings. Supplies of finished product was clearing satisfactorily and was generally sufficient for trade needs. Processing schedules were reduced in some instances. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 13-OCT-03.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9.5	8.25-8.75	8.40
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

10-OCT-2003

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	13.50-18.00	204,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		16.20		
15-20%				
RANGE	17.25-21.50	11.25-17.00	2,052,800	1,487,200
WTD AVERAGE	20.09	14.32		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-OCT-03

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.5-11.5	8-8.75	8.55

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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